

General Practitioner. Dr. W. C. Alvarez. (To be published in the Journal, A. M. A.).

3. Psychotherapy in Sexual Neurasthenia. Dr. Victor Vecki. (To be published in California State Journal). Discussed by Drs. Carl Renz, J. W. Shiels, H. C. McClenahan and W. C. Alvarez.

Section on Surgery, November 19, 1912.

1. Exhibition of Cases. Dr. Stanley Stillman.
 - A. Adenosarcoma of Frontal Lobe.
 - B. Recurrent Carcinoma of Lip.

Discussed by Drs. J. Rosenstirn, E. Rixford, H. Sherman, G. C. Macdonald, S. T. Pope, L. Eloesser, R. Russ and S. Stillman.

2. Report of a Case of Facial Paralysis. Dr. J. H. Barbat. Discussed by Drs. Cullen Welty, J. Rosenstirn, E. Rixford, S. Stillman and J. H. Barbat.

3. Case Reports. Dr. Emmet Rixford.
 - A. Carcinoma of Colon.
 - B. Perforation of Small Intestine.
 - C. Congenital Dislocation of the Hip in New-born Infants.

Discussed by Drs. S. J. Hunkin, H. Sherman and E. Rixford.

Section on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, November 26, 1912.

1. Preliminary Report of Three Cases of Labyrinthine Lues. (Demonstration of two cases). Dr. H. B. Graham. Discussed by Drs. Cullen Welty, G. P. Wintermute and H. B. Graham.

2. Report of Two Cases of Cerebellar Tumor. (Demonstration of one case.) Dr. M. B. Lennon. Discussed by Drs. W. F. Blake, C. R. Bricca, G. P. Wintermute, Cullen Welty, Kaspar Pischel, H. B. Graham, Henry Horn, H. C. Naffziger, W. F. Schaller and M. B. Lennon.

3. Report of Cases Showing Acute Sinus Infection of the Field of Vision. Dr. A. S. Green. Discussed by Drs. Henry Horn and A. S. Green.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY DIRECTORS.

The following were elected Directors at the annual election in December:

Gibbons, Morton R., Bine, Rene, Ophuls, Wm., Kerr, W. W., Jones, Philip Mills, Alderson, Harry E., Terry, Wallace I., Kugeler, H. B. A., Porter, Langley, Cooper, Chas. M., Carpenter, F. B., Shiels, J. Wilson, O'Neill, A. A., Ebright, Geo. E., Tait, Dudley, Frankenheimer, J. B., Spencer, John B., Hyman, Sol, Lennon, Milton B., Oliver, Harry R., Beasley, S. O.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

On December 7th the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society held its annual meeting and elected the following officers to serve for the present year: President, Dr. H. M. Cox; Vice-President, Dr. P. K. Jackson; Secretary, Dr. C. J. McGovern; Delegate to the State Society, Dr. H. M. Cox.

TULARE COUNTY.

The Tulare County Medical Society held its annual meeting at Lindsay on December 10th, at which time it was decided to hold all future meetings, unless otherwise voted, at Lindsay, as being the place most easily reached from all parts of the county. The following officers were elected for 1913: President, Dr. J. B. Rosson; Vice-President, Dr. C. M. White; Secretary, Dr. A. W. Preston.

YOLO COUNTY.

The Yolo County Medical Society held its annual meeting in the rooms of the Oaks Club on the evening of December 3rd. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Dr. H. D. Lawhead; vice-president, Dr. Chester Fairchild; secretary-treasurer, Dr. F. L. Newton. A supper was served after the meeting.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEWSPAPERS.

(Note:—This department was omitted in the last issue on account of lack of space and therefore some of these notes may seem to partake of the nature of "cold storage" material.)

Anthrax, one case of it, appeared in Lake county in October.

Sutter Creek is reported to have several cases of diphtheria.

Stockton has had a mild epidemic of trachoma in one of its schools.

Merritt Hospital, Oakland, is to build a new brick dormitory for its nurses.

Red Bluff had a fatal case of poliomyelitis in the latter part of November.

Poliomyelitis caused one death in Santa Clara late in the month of October.

Placer county has a new health officer in the person of Dr. J. S. Wheeler.

Napa county has reappointed Dr. R. F. Taylor as county physician for the coming year.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Alumbaugh celebrated their golden wedding at Napa on November 3rd.

The Sonoma county grand jury has condemned the buildings of the Sonoma county hospital.

Oxnard is to have a new hospital that will be in every way up-to-date and will cost about \$60,000.

Red Cross stamps to the number of about a million were disposed of in this State during December.

Los Angeles public schools are to be thoroughly investigated in regard to their sanitary condition and requirements.

A navy medical reserve corps, similar to that of the army, has been suggested by the surgeon general of the navy.

Dr. A. H. Wright, sentenced to 10 years for abortion, has been allowed his liberty on \$20,000 bail pending an appeal.

Monrovia has an energetic health officer, Dr. C. D. Gaylord, who refuses to resign or be put out for doing his duty.

A case of hydrophobia occurred in Colusa in December; but never mind; let us not annoy the poor dogs with muzzles!

Merced county society, through its president, has caused the arrest of a "Dr." Sampson for practicing medicine without a license.

Stockton's idea of having a free clinic for the destitute poor among its school children, seems to be working out very well.

The Incurables Home of the King's Daughters of Oakland was dedicated on November 24; it will accommodate some 50 patients.

Los Angeles has opened a school for mothers where women can be given full instruction as to the care and feeding of infants.

Health certificates as a pre-requisite to marriage, are being advocated in various parts of the state, but particularly in the southern part.

A malpractice suit for \$25,113 against Dr. J. R. French, of Los Angeles, was dismissed on motion of the attorney for the State Society.

Long Beach draws the 1912 prize for "lions;" this particular "lion" is none other than Dr. H. S. Tanner of lasting and fasting fame.

Chenoweth, a notorious advertising quack, has escaped trial for obtaining money by false pretense through the death of the patient.

Vaccination in Oakland is to be enforced so far as all teachers and other employes are concerned and a rigid examination of all pupils will be made.

Dr. N. E. Richardson, formerly of Salinas, has purchased a large ranch in Sutter county and is to become a farmer in real earnest—on a large scale.

The King county superintendent of schools, Mrs. N. E. Davidson, is strongly urging upon the county the systematic and careful examination of all school children.

At the Kenilworth Sanitarium, Illinois, Dr. H.

W. Powers has resigned as superintendent and Dr. Sherman Brown has been appointed to take his place.

Dr. Henry S. Orme, one of the oldest members of the State Society, died in Los Angeles on November 30. An obituary notice will appear in a later issue.

The State Commission on Tuberculosis held a meeting in San Francisco on the 14th of December, preparatory to making its report to the next legislature.

Dr. P. G. Cotter, of Los Angeles, was very seriously injured by his automobile, which was struck by a car and turned over upon him, crushing his ribs.

San Francisco is too poor to support a proper board of health and so it abandoned the inspection of school children and a few other public health activities.

Dr. L. Lambert of Sacramento is declared by the federal authorities to be one of the boldest abortionists arrested in their recent raids, according to newspaper items.

Yuba county has made a change in the superintendent of its county hospital and Dr. Van Male no longer holds that position which has been taken by Dr. Everett Gray.

San Joaquin county has a new health officer in the person of Dr. H. C. Peterson, who has been appointed to take the place left vacant by Dr. R. B. Knight's resignation.

Bakersfield is bestirring itself in the health line and has just appointed an active secretary and inspector who promises to really do things in the way of cleaning up. Good work.

Orange county society has appointed a committee to work with a similar committee of the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of planning a campaign of education in sex hygiene.

The California Hospital, Los Angeles, is to reconstruct all of its buildings, making them fire-proof, as soon as the work can be done without interfering with the running of the hospital.

Fresno was visited by Dr. Hoisholt who delivered a lecture under the auspices of the University Club on the Relation of Insanity to Crime. Judge H. J. Austin participated in the discussion.

Open air schools, being the common sense thing, especially in California, seem to be but slowly gaining popular favor; it is astonishing how slowly people will take to a new idea, particularly if it is a sensible one.

Typhoid fever has been practically driven out of the army through vaccination; only eleven cases have occurred in the past year. Most of the cases were among recruits who had not received the prophylactic treatment.

Newspaper science is wonderful! Referring to the recent surgical congress in New York, one of our papers says: "Sewing machines are used by some surgeons in uniting tissue in the same manner that clothes are sewed."

"Dr. Albert Abrams of San Francisco" says the Examiner "has succeeded in procuring the convention of the American Association of Spondylotherapy for 1915." Fine! That means that Dr. Abrams has procured himself for 1915.

The State blind institution is in for the investigation which occurs about so often; the job of running an institution for the blind is not at all a pleasant one and probably it will be found that the charges are without substantial foundation.

Redding has had a lot of trouble from smallpox and the friction caused the resignation of all the members of the board of health except Dr. Saylor. The measures proposed by the health board would "hurt business;" same old story!

The old melodramatic substitution of a living child for a dead one in order to preserve an heir for an estate has filled much space in California newspapers for some time past. It is reported that the investigation of the case has not been finished.

Psychopathic homes, hospitals or receiving stations will be asked for from the next legislature, one to be located in Los Angeles and one in San Francisco. Some day we may really see the State treat its insane citizens as sick persons and not as criminals.

Dr. E. O. Sawyer, county health officer of Los Angeles county was given a banquet—and a gold badge—by many physicians and friends, on November 22nd. Los Angeles is certainly to be commended for its high development of the banquet idea.

A very valuable little catalogue of medical books published by all publishers in this country, has recently been issued by the W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, and they will gladly send a copy to anyone asking for it; it is worth asking for, if you ever read books.

San Jose is the seat of considerable trouble in regard to lodge practice; most of the physicians in the county society object to the work (very naturally!) and they are trying their best to get all the doctors in the community to be sensible and refuse to do the work.

Dr. O. D. Hamlin, who acquired a game knee while East last summer, has invented a new way of shooting ducks. He sits on a piano stool, in a blind, and thus orientates himself to correspond with the migratory duck with the least amount of effort and personal disturbance.

The tuberculosis commission, it is said, will recommend to the legislature that each county, or groups of counties, when more convenient, be compelled to maintain a tuberculosis sanitarium for the care and treatment of its tubercular citizens. How the counties will fight it!

Fresno is having a little difference of opinion between its city health officer and its county health officer as to whether or not there are a few cases of poliomyelitis in the county. Dr. Aiken, the county officer, seems to have the better of the argument; there are no cases in the city of Fresno.

Mr. H. T. Morrow, our attorney for southern California, has been delivering a number of public lectures on the "Fight Against Criminal Practices." It is to be hoped that he can arouse some little interest on the part of the laity, for unless the layman wants these laws enforced, they will be dead letters.

Abortionists are uneasy; the federal government gathered up quite a few of them recently; but probably just as samples, for there are lots that were not arrested. Among our distinguished colleagues gathered in the net were Drs. J. F. Wetzel and H. W. Rais of San Francisco and Dr. E. D. Curtis of Oakland.

"Dr." Goscinsky, a quack of Castroville, was convicted of practicing medicine illegally, but on motion was given a new trial because the complaint was defective; it did not state that he was practicing medicine without a license, but merely that he was practicing medicine! What has commonsense to do with a legal technicality?

Los Angeles has many very fine characteristics, not the least of which is its firm belief in the beneficial effect of banquets. On December 13th some 80 physicians of that community tendered a banquet to Dr. E. R. Smith upon the occasion of his retiring from active practice. Dr. Ellis was the chairman and Dr. Norman Bridge the toastmaster.

The Fresno "Mirror," referring to abortionists and their use of the advertising pages of newspapers, makes this ingenuous remark: "We suggest that the next legislature pass a law making it a felony for newspapers in this state to publish the advertisements of such doctors and drug concerns." Bless you, dear "Mirror," don't you know that such bills have been presented in nearly

every legislature for twenty years and have been defeated—by the newspapers? They want the dirty money.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Surgical Clinics of John B. Murphy, M. D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. October, 1912. Published Bi-monthly by W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

Contents.

Remarks on Anesthesia Made at Clinic.
Nephrolothiasis.
Cholecystitis.
Gastroduodenal Ulcer—Gastro-enterostomy.
Appendiceal Abscess.
Colonic Adhesions Simulating Recurrent Appendicitis.
Exophthalmic Goitre.
Traumatic Lesion of Brain.
Trifacial Neuralgia.
Tumor of Spinal Cord.
Chronic Mastitis.
Recurrent Ovarian Cystosarcoma.
Retroversion of Uterus.
Rectocele and Perineal Laceration.
Ununited Fracture, Shaft of Right Humerus.
Osteitis Fibrosa Cystica of Right Humerus.
Ankylosis of Left Elbow.
Ankylosis of Right Hip-Joint.

A Student's Manual of Surgical Diagnosis. By George Emerson Brewer. Quarto. Cloth, pp. 40. D. Appleton & Co., New York and London, publishers. Price not stated.

There is a real want for a handy and practical compend of the methods of surgical diagnosis. This want Brewer's book does not fill, nor does it pretend to do so; its title is misleading, it is rather a student's guide for college courses in surgical differential diagnosis than a manual of diagnosis. It consists of a short exposition of the author's ideas on the teaching and practice of the differential diagnosis of surgical affections, illustrated by a number of case reports and discussions, and of 16 charts classifying surgical disorders. Four of these are general, classifying injuries, deformities, inflammation and new growths, respectively. The remaining twelve are regional and classify the surgical diseases according to localization. The book is evidently intended as a supplement and guide to Brewer's class-work at Columbia University. It should prove itself useful not only to his pupils, but to other students—and their teachers. L. E.

Obstetrics. A text-book for the use of students and practitioners. By J. Whitridge Williams, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics, Johns Hopkins University. Third edition; cloth; pp. 977, with 16 plates and 668 illustrations. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co. 1912. Price \$6.00.

This excellent text-book on obstetrics appears in practically the same style and size as the previous editions. Changes have been made to include the more recent studies of early human ova, of the indications for pubiotomy and Caesarian section, of pernicious vomiting of pregnancy, of the frequency of contracted pelvis in Baltimore and on the treatment of labor complicated by contracted pelvis. The bibliography at the end of each chapter has been extended and brought up to date.

While the text ranks equally high with the best American works on obstetrics and is an ideal reference book for both students and practitioners, it falls short of meeting the needs of the under-graduate student by being too comprehensive. The book will be best appreciated by young graduates entering on a training for special work in ob-

stetrics. The inspiration to get away from text-books and to dig in the library for original articles is met with in every chapter. The chapters on the toxemias of pregnancy are interesting and impressive and indicate a considerable amount of original work. However, it is in this section that in future editions one will probably note the most changes. The chapters dealing with the operative care of abnormal labor are full of good, sensible and sound advice for the general practitioner. The book is a credit not only to the author, to his clinic and to his assistants, but is a high tribute to the teacher of Williams—William H. Welch.

ALFRED BAKER SPALDING.

The Principles of Human Physiology. By Earnest Henry Starling, M. D. (London), F. R. C. P., F. R. S., Jodrell Professor of Physiology in University College, London. Octavo, 1423 pages, with 564 illustrations, some in color. Cloth, \$5.00 net. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York, 1912.

This recent book by the Jodrell Professor of Physiology in the University College, London, is fully up to the high standard set by such books as those of the great English physiologists, Foster and Schaefer. When the thoroughly trained English scientist writes a text-book or a monograph, it is usually an admirable and comprehensive piece of work. The general attitude of Prof. Starling towards medicine makes his book unusually acceptable and valuable to the physician. This is indicated by the following statement in the preface: "The only foundation for rational therapeutics is the proper understanding of the working of the healthy body. Ignorance of physiology tends to make the medical man as credulous as his patients and almost as easily beguiled by the specious puffings of the advertising druggist."

The general excellence of this new physiology is so marked that it is with difficulty that one selects special subjects for comment. The chapters upon the properties of colloids and that upon ferments with the methods of studying them are particularly good. The value of Gaskell's Charts of the brains of various animals in making the organization of the nervous system clear is recognized and good use is made of them. A more complete discussion of the autonomic nervous system and of the work of McKenzie and Head upon skin areas of hypersensitivity in visceral disease would have been appreciated by the clinician. The addition of the chapter on immunity under the heading of "Chemical Mechanism of Defense" is indicative of the broad field covered by the modern physiologist. The relations of chemistry and physiology are well brought out, the illustrations unusually well chosen and far superior to those of the monumental work of Foster. It is a pleasure to see interpreted in a text-book of physiology many of the more recent and important contributions that have come to the subject through the clinician and medical laboratories. The discussion of the accommodation of the eye and of intraocular tension, the work of Cannon and Hertz on Roentgen Ray in the motor functions of the digestive tract, the work of Carlson on the causation of the heart-beat and the interpretation of the electro-cardiogram are all of especial interest. It seems certain that this book by Prof. Starling will prove to be as valuable to the English speaking medical world as his physiological work and laboratory have been to his own university.

R. L. W.

"The Mosquito—Its Relation to Disease and Its Extermination." By Alva H. Doty. Published by D. Appleton & Co., N. Y. and London. 1912.

The author of this small volume has attempted to present the more elementary facts concerning this insect in the simplest possible manner. In this